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REMARKS

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 3, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the following is requested.

I. Claim Objections.

Paragraph 2 of the Office Action objected to claims 1-25 and 29-32 and suggested claim amendments to be made. Applicants have amended the claims per the suggestions in the Office Action and submit that the objections to the claims are overcome. Applicants further submit that these claim amendments are not related to patentability, but are made instead to address perceived informalities and to improve syntax. Applicants submit that these amendments do not alter the scope of these claims.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 26-28 are allowed.

Applicant agrees with the Examiner's conclusions regarding patentability, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, Applicant believes that the application is allowable because the prior art fails to teach, anticipate, or render obvious the invention as claimed, independent of how the invention is paraphrased.

III. Conclusion.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance

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of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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